#### **REMARKS**

Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Initially, in view of the requests filed September 30, 2005 and March 27, 2006, copies of which are enclosed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge receipt of a copy of the certified copy of the priority document.

Claim 1 has been cancelled, without prejudice, thus rendering moot the rejection of the claim under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Although this amendment is presented after final rejection, it places the application in condition for allowance. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the amendment, and allow the application.

The Applicants acknowledge with thanks the Examiner's indication of the allowance of claim 2.

Therefore, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the ground of rejection set forth by the Examiner has been overcome, and that the application is in condition for allowance. Such allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Applicants filed a Request for Acknowledgment of Priority Document on September 30, 2005. However, the Office Action of December 27, 2005 still does not acknowledge receipt of a copy of the certified copy of the priority document. A copy of the Request for Acknowledgment of Priority Document filed September 30, 2005 along with Form PCT/IB/304 is attached hereto.

Considering the foregoing comments, the Examiner is kindly requested to acknowledge receipt of a copy of the certified copy of the priority document.

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Respectfully submitted,

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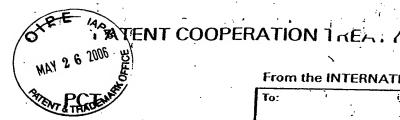
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